

A Quick Look at Using Rotavirus Vaccines: RV5 (RotaTeq®) and RV1 (ROTARIX®)

Indications for Use and Schedule

Two rotavirus vaccines are licensed. Both are live, attenuated vaccines.

	RV5 (RotaTeq®)	RV1 (ROTARIX®)
Number of doses in series	3	2
Recommended ages for doses	2, 4, and 6 months	2 and 4 months
Minimum age for first dose	6 weeks	
Maximum age for first dose	14 weeks, 6 days	
Minimum interval between doses	4 weeks	
Maximum age for last dose	8 months, 0 days	

Complete the rotavirus series with the same product (RV5 or RV1) whenever possible

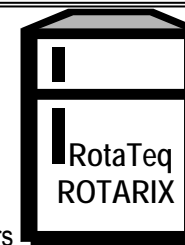
- Vaccination should not be deferred if the product used for previous doses is not available or unknown
- If any dose in the series was RV5 (RotaTeq) or the product is unknown for any dose in the series, a total of three doses should be given

Vaccine Administration

- RV5: Given orally, 2 mL (comes premixed)
- RV1: Given orally, 1 mL (needs to be reconstituted)
- Can be given with other vaccines, at the same visit
- Do not add to other liquids or food
- Do not repeat doses that are spit up or vomited;
Count the dose and give the next dose as scheduled

Storage and Handling

- Store in the refrigerator between
35°-46° F (2°-8°C)
- Do NOT freeze
- Protect from light
- Live vaccine vials, syringes, & tubes must
be discarded into biologic waste containers



CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Previous anaphylactic reaction to a rotavirus vaccine or a component of the vaccine

PRECAUTIONS

- Moderate to severe illness or acute, moderate to severe gastroenteritis or vomiting
- Pre-existing chronic gastrointestinal disease or previous history of intussusceptions
- History of receiving a blood transfusion or blood product, including immunoglobulins, within 42 days
- Altered immunocompetence such as: blood dyscrasias, leukemia, on immunosuppressive therapy (including high-dose systemic corticosteroids), primary and acquired immunodeficiency states, including HIV/AIDS, cellular immune deficiencies *and hypogammaglobulinemic and dysgammaglobulinemic states*
- Moms who are HIV/AIDS positive and the infant's HIV status is unknown

FURTHER POINTS

- Rotarix must be reconstituted using the applicator prefilled with diluent & transfer adapter supplied with the Rotarix vaccine vial; RotaTeq vaccine is ready to use.
- Record the lot number and expiration date for Rotarix from the inside box that contains the vaccine vials (do not use the numbers from the outer box)
- VFC VIM users will also need to enter into MCIR the NDC number from the inside box
- There is one combined Rotavirus Vaccine Information Statement (VIS). Use this copy or the Multi-vaccine VIS that include information about the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR). VISs with MCIR information are available at www.michigan.gov/immunize or at your local health department.
- Document as "Rotavirus, pentavalent" (RotaTeq, RV5) or "Rotavirus, monovalent" (Rotarix, RV1) in MCIR, on the vaccine administration record & immunization record card
- Rotavirus vaccine may be used with premature infants (discharged from the hospital and clinically stable) or a child living with a pregnant woman or immunocompromised persons

Publicly purchased RV5 and RV1 can be administered to eligible children 6 weeks to 8 months of age through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program in private providers' offices. Eligible children include those who are uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid eligible, Native American or Alaskan Natives. Contact your local health department for more information

For additional For more information, refer to VFC Program Resolution on "Vaccines to Prevent Rotavirus Gastroenteritis" and the ACIP provisional recs "Prevention of Rotavirus Gastroenteritis" located at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs>

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